

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TEXARKANA DIVISION

RUSSELL EWING MCKINNON	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:07-CV-68
PAUL KASTNER	§	

MEMORANDUM ORDER OVERRULING PETITIONER’S OBJECTIONS AND ADOPTING
THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Petitioner Russell Ewing McKinnon, a prisoner confined at the Federal Correctional Institution in Texarkana, Texas, brought this petition for writ of habeas corpus.

The court ordered that this matter be referred to the Honorable Earl S. Hines, United States Magistrate Judge, at Beaumont, Texas, for consideration pursuant to applicable laws and orders of this court. The magistrate judge has submitted a Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge. The magistrate judge recommends dismissing the petition.

The court has received and considered the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge, along with the record, pleadings, and all available evidence. Petitioner filed objections to the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation.

The court has conducted a *de novo* review of the objections in relation to the pleadings and the applicable law. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). After careful consideration, the court concludes the objections are without merit. Petitioner has not met the requirements for filing either an independent action in equity, or a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. *See Hess v. Cockrell*, 281 F.3d 212, 217 (5th Cir. 2002); *Reyes-Requena v. United States*, 243 F.3d 893, 904 (5th Cir. 2001).

ORDER

Accordingly, petitioner's objections are **OVERRULED**. The findings of fact and conclusions of law of the magistrate judge are correct, and the report of the magistrate judge is **ADOPTED**. A final judgment will be entered in this case in accordance with the magistrate judge's recommendation.

SIGNED this 16th day of January, 2008.

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DAVID FOLSOM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE